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April 22, 2008

Mr. Timothy E. Eastep, Manager Environment, Land & Water Department Chino Mines Company P.O. Box 7 Hurley, New Mexico 88043

RE:

Approval of the Interim Remedial Action Completion Report dated April 18, 2008

Hurley Soils Investigation Unit (HSIU)

Chino Administrative Order on Consent (AOC)

Dear Mr. Eastep:

The Ground Water Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the above referenced Completion Report on April 18, 2008. The NMED has completed a review of the document and Chino Mines Company (Chino) has adequately addressed the NMED comment letter dated February 11, 2008 as well as including changes submitted via email to Ms. Pamela Pinson on March 19, 31 and April 7, 2008.

Although the document has a few minor flaws in Table C-2, such as listing "# R2 needed = # R2 Collected?" samples when no remediation was necessary. The NMED accepts this document as the final version of the Interim Remedial Action Completion Report.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 388-1934.

Sincerely,

Phil Harrigan, Chino AOC Project Manager Mining Environmental Compliance Section

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